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CURBSIDE PICKUP OF CARDBOARD, MIXED PAPER FOR RECYCLING BEGINS IN TOWN OF HERNDON

Herndon, VA (August 9, 2007) – The Town of Herndon's Department of Public Works (DPW) will begin curbside pickup of cardboard and mixed paper, along with other recyclable materials, effective immediately.

Cardboard and mixed paper are added to glass bottles, metal food and beverage containers, some plastic bottles and newspapers as recyclable materials collected throughout the Town each Wednesday. The expansion of collected recyclable materials to include cardboard and mixed paper follows similar action by Fairfax County.

The following materials may be recycled in the mixed paper category: magazines, glossy papers, office paper, catalogs, envelopes, junk mail and cereal boxes. Homeowners may package mixed papers, newspapers and corrugated cardboard (flattened before placing curbside) together in bins, bags or containers and are asked to safely secure materials against the elements, such as wind or other inclement weather.

"Of course, recycling benefits the environment," said Bob Boxer, director of Public Works. "But the Town also benefits through the decrease in our disposable trash pickup, resulting in reduced fees paid to use Fairfax County's disposal facilities."

In addition to weekly curbside pickup of recyclables, the Town operates a drop-off recycling center, located at 1479 Sterling Road. The center is open from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm, seven days a week.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people. In 2006, Herndon was named one of the "best affordable suburbs" in the nation by *Business Week* Magazine.

For more information, visit the Town's website at www.herndon-va.gov.

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